

奋勇拼搏铸辉煌



China Global May

This experience is one that has changed, not only as a student, but as a person. My life goal has been to teach people how to understand and respect other cultures. This experience taught me how to achieve my goal. It also gave me memories and friendships that I will cherish for a lifetime.



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Comparative Cultural Studies
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What Did I Learn?

Throughout my college career, I have learned the technical aspects of working with different cultures and in an international sphere. This experience has taught me how to apply them to real life situations. I gained new techniques, skills, and gave me a better understanding, not only of my majors, but also of how I understand and interpret the world now.



My Favorite Part:

One of my favorite experiences on this trip was teaching at Ning Lang First Middle School. Knowing that many of them will not be able to leave this area, I tried my best to share as much as I could. I got to see their eyes light up as I shared my culture and they shared their's with me. To see them loving every second of me being there was the greatest gift I could have received.

How Has STEP Helped Me Move Forward?

STEP gave me an experience that helped me grow and learn more about cultures and myself then I ever expected. I gained valuable knowledge that will not only help me in my college career, but also in my future career.

Academically, I learned that experience is key to truly understanding concepts that I have been taught in my majors.

Professionally, this trip taught me that not everything goes as planned but no matter what, you must find a way to work with it.



How Was I Personally Impacted?

The one thing that really transformed me was the friends that I made while I was there. These friendships allowed for a different experience that I would not have gotten if I didn't make these. I got paired up with a girl named Da Mao [Maddie]. I can honestly say she is the one who helped me really understand her world and culture. Our friendship gave me a unique perspective and helped me to become fully immersed in the culture.